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Proposed LRT change out of line with local community

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It may be the end of the line for hopes to re-route an LRT connector away from the Chinatown gate if the city moves ahead with an administrative recommendation.

The proposed plan, revealed yesterday at an open house, will route the downtown LRT along 102 Avenue, through the historic gate at 97 Street.

"Now and in the future the population is bigger than it is on 102A, so we want to take it to where there are people and where there's activity," said Adam Laughlin, the city's director of facility and capital planning.

Laughlin said an underground route, which some community members pushed for, would add \$50 million to \$60 million to the cost.

Barbara Fung works at the Chinese Free Masons Society and took part in workshops asking for input, but said the proposed changes fall short for the area's seniors.

"Now we can see the improvement ... but the overall comfort level of the community would be that we prefer it at 102 Avenue. It's just the next block," said Fung.

The revised recommendations go before a council committee Nov. 15.



► Rexall Place hosts numerous concerts and other events every year. Northlands, which operates Rexall, says it could cost \$250 million to sign a non-compete clause with a potential new arena — money the city says it will not be on the hook for.

City wouldn't put up cash for clause: Mayor

► Mandel says 'he who benefits' from non-compete clause would have to pay for it ► Just one of many outstanding issues in way of arena deal



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The city would not pay Northlands in exchange for a non-compete clause, the mayor said yesterday.

"I think he who benefits from it should pay for it," said Mayor Stephen Mandel. "I don't think it's the city's responsibility to pay for someone else to make money."

The remarks came one day after news of an email

exchange between Northlands CEO Richard Andersen and city manager Simon Farbrother back in May.

In that email, Andersen stated that giving up the concert business would require a cash buyout of \$250 million, along with a renovated 8,000-seat facility.

Andersen said it was only hypothetical in the case of a 35-year clause, and that they haven't asked for any money.

But the Katz Group

wants the clause — and the arena deal hinges on it.

Coun. Bryan Anderson said the figure may be high, and that he would want to see more information on the numbers should the money be asked for.

But Coun. Jane Batty thinks the city should stay out of it.

"The Katz Group needs to be negotiating with Northlands on a non-compete clause," she said. "Not the City of Edmonton."

Lease until 2034

► Rexall Place ranks 12th busiest in the world for concert venues, according to Northlands, who has a lease on the building through to 2034.

► The Katz Group has set an Oct. 31 deadline for an arena deal.

► The proposed \$450 million project is still \$100 million short.

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EDUCATION

Diploma marks worry schools

The Edmonton Public School Board is seeing an increase in students graduating, but diploma marks are still a worry.

"We do have some concern about success in some of our diploma subjects," board chair Dave Colburn said yesterday about achievement results for the 2010-11 school year.

With nearly 75 per cent now graduating, diploma marks in English, social studies and math were behind results provincially, but higher in sciences and French language arts.

Colburn said the



► Dave Colburn

district has a "complex demographic" of immigrant, refugee, aboriginal and special needs students, and is expecting a report later this month on how to address challenges.

The board did note "substantial gains" on science diplomas.

Students in grades 3, 6 and 9 — in both districts — match up well against others across the province, and officials expect marks in the revised math curriculum to improve.

● HEATHER MCINTYRE

Business warming up

► City Hall new indoor site of downtown market ► Farmers, crafters, artists to sell wares indoors October through May ► Over 60 vendors



Bacon jerky lovers rejoice!

You'll be able to enjoy the farmers market experience year-round, now that the City Market Downtown on 104th has found a permanent indoor home for the winter.

Coun. Jane Batty and Dan Young, market chair, showed off the site in the City Hall atrium yesterday, where more than 60 vendors will sell their goods from Thanksgiving through to the May long-weekend.

Carrying a two-year commitment from the city, Batty said she's confident the market will become a winter-time staple in the warmth, alongside



► Six-year-old Jack Forestier shows off the fiddling he'll be featuring at the farmers' market at City Hall this winter. A new permanent winter home for the downtown market was announced yesterday.

Sir Winston Churchill Square.

"It will connect our rural roots with our urban roots," she said.

"Many Edmontonians haven't ever been to City Hall," added Young. "So there's a civic pride, plus they can see what local

Market facts

- The indoor market will operate Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- The downtown market is the city's oldest, established in 1908.
- The outdoor season runs along 104 Street between Jasper Avenue and 103 Avenue.
- The market was held at City Hall a few times last winter.

farmers and ranchers have to offer."

A desire for the market to stay downtown, ample parking and customers who want to deal directly with farmers and producers year-round make this a natural progression, said vendor Alan Irving.

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Apple founder Steve Jobs dead at 56

► Death of tech giant's former CEO comes day after unveiling of new iPhone

Steve Jobs, the Apple founder and former CEO who invented and masterfully marketed ever-sleeker gadgets that transformed everyday technology, from the personal computer to the iPod and iPhone, has died. He was 56.

Apple announced his death last night without giving a specific cause.

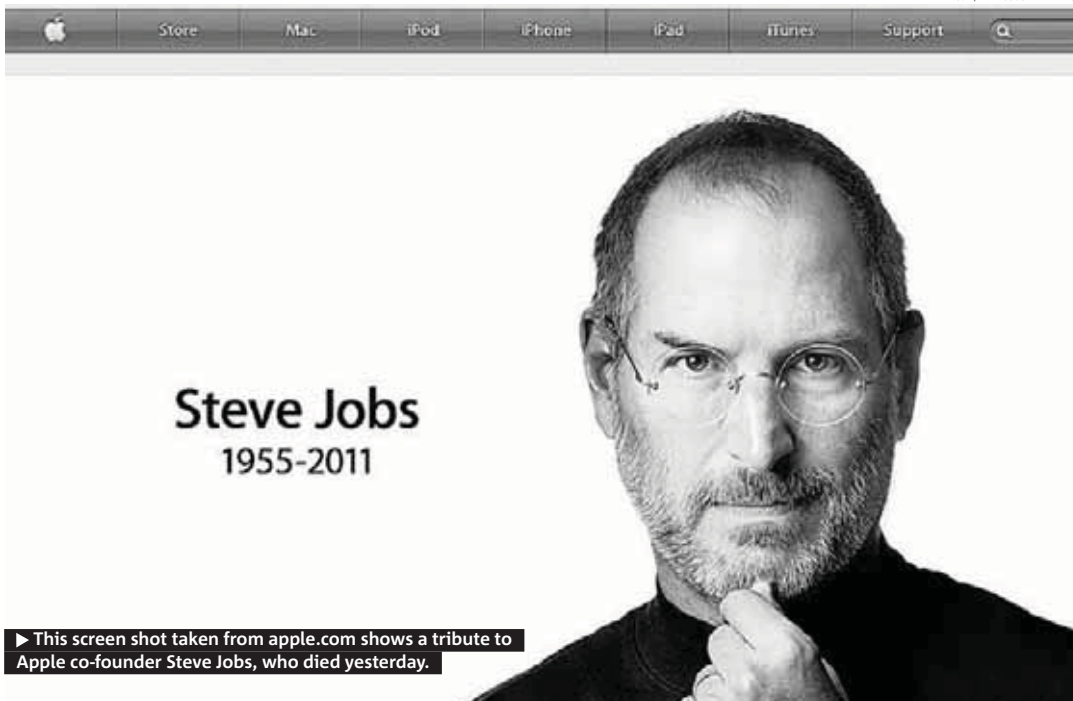
Jobs had battled cancer in 2004 and underwent a liver transplant in 2009 after taking a leave of absence for unspecified health problems. He took another leave of absence in January — his third since his health problems began — before resigning as CEO six weeks ago. Jobs became Apple's chairman and handed the CEO job over to his hand-picked successor, Tim Cook.

Jobs started Apple with a high school friend in a Silicon Valley garage in 1976, was forced out a decade later and returned in 1997 to rescue the company. During his second stint, it grew into the most valuable technology company in the world with a market value of \$351 billion.

Cultivating Apple's countercultural sensibility and a minimalist design ethic, Jobs rolled out one sensational product after another, even in the face of the late-2000s recession and his own failing health.

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Speculation still surrounds Knox

► Judge who acquitted her says American might know the 'real truth' about murder of British student

The Italian judge who was part of the jury that acquitted Amanda Knox said yesterday the American and her ex-boyfriend might know the "real truth" about who killed her British roommate.

Judge Claudio Pratillo Hellmann said in a state TV interview that "maybe" the two defendants know what happened in the 2007 slaying of Meredith Kercher in the home the two women shared in Perugia, the Umbrian town where they were students.

Hellmann, who was also one of the eight jurors, said "the real truth could be different."

But based on trial evi-



► Amanda Knox

dence the jury acquitted them, he said.

In Italy, the presiding

judge is part of the jury, along with another judge and six civilians.

In his first public comments since Knox and her Italian co-defendant, Raffaele Sollecito, were acquitted Monday night, the judge stressed on state TV that the verdict was the fruit of "the truth that was created in the trial."

Knox and Sollecito have vehemently denied wrongdoing in Kercher's murder. Knox flew home to Seattle on Tuesday, her first full day out of jail since she was arrested a few days after the murder. Sollecito was resting at his family home, his lawyers said.

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Netflix dodges regulation calls

► No proof that online service has led to drop in TV subscriptions

Online services like Netflix won't be subject to Canadian regulations because there's no clear evidence that consumers are cutting the cord on their cable or satellite TV subscriptions, the CRTC said yesterday.

Online and mobile programming is complementary to the television content distributed by cable, satellite and broadcast systems, the CRTC said.

"There is no clear evidence that Canadians are reducing or cancelling their television subscriptions," said a news release.

"Some online programming services have established viable business models and are competing in the marketplace for programming rights and viewers," the CRTC said.

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U.S.-based Netflix has attracted more than one million Canadian subscribers since beginning its online service in this country about a year ago.

The CRTC did not mention Netflix by name, but a 40-member group from the telecommunications, broadcasting, cable and satellite and production sectors had asked the regulator to hold consultations on services like Netflix.

The CRTC acknowledged it hasn't been able to accurately gauge consumer behaviour.

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Greek. Action



► Riot police detain a man in Athens yesterday. At least 16,000 protested in the Greek capital, and about 10,000 gathered in the city of Thessaloniki.

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Greece brought to halt

Civil servants joined protests by walking off the job during a 24-hour strike yesterday, crippling the public sector over ever-deeper austerity measures.

Indian villagers getting 'cheap' tablet computers

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India introduced a cheap tablet computer yesterday, saying it would deliver modern technology to the countryside to help lift villagers out of poverty.

The computer, called Aakash, or "sky" in Hindi, is the latest in a series of "world's cheapest" innovations in India that include a \$2,040 compact Nano car, \$15 water purifier and \$2,000 open-heart surgery.

Developer Datawind is selling the tablets to the government for about \$45 each, and subsidies will reduce that to \$35 for students and teachers.



► A student poses with her new tablet yesterday.

Datawind says it can make about 100,000 units a month at the moment, not nearly enough to meet India's hope of getting its 220 million children online.

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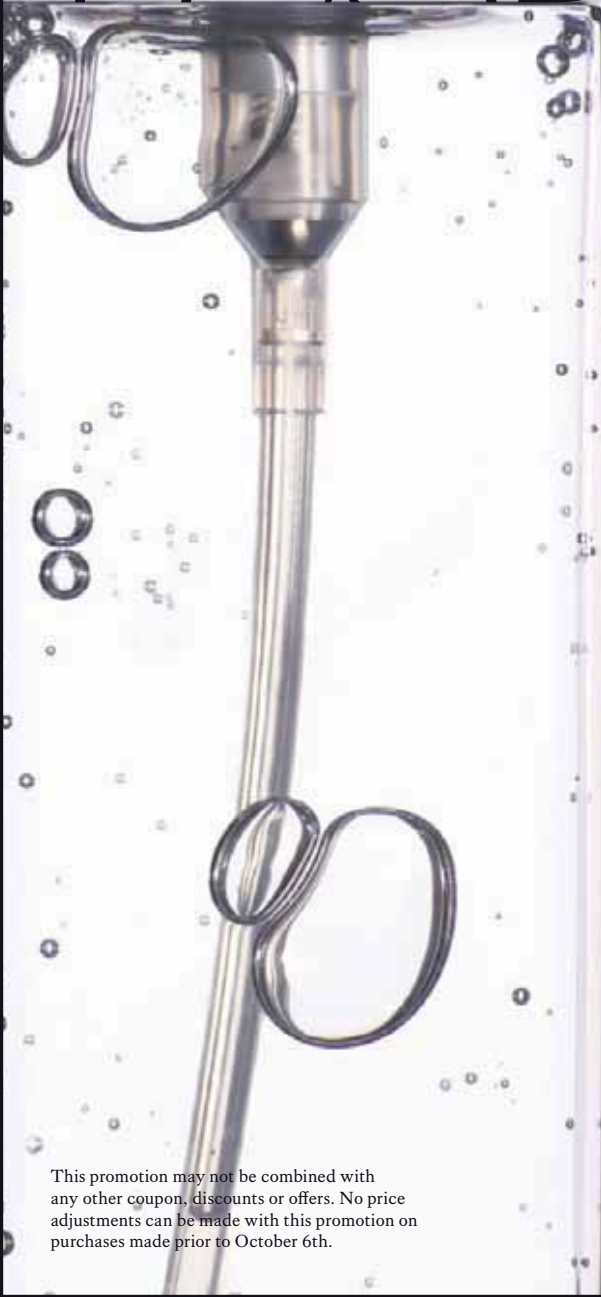
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LET'S TALK ABOUT BIRDS AND BEES

HE SAYS ...

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Listen up, parents. It's time you had a frank discussion with your children about — well, you know, doin' it.

My province is in election mode and sex education became a topic during the campaign, thus proving those "SEX! Now that I've got your attention..." campaign signs my fellow students used in junior high elections were an accurate reflection of our political system.

Regardless of your thoughts about sex-ed in school, we can all agree that sexual education begins at home. (My parents never talked to me about it, but they got cable for the TV in my room, which had the same basic effect.)

It's a problem every generation faces.

When kids ask about sex, parents must first ask questions of themselves: How do I change the subject? How tightly do I plug my ears? Are they ready for the

"when two people love each other" lie? Or do I stick with the stork? And so on.

But your kid is going to have sex sooner or later (take a moment here to get your heart started again), so you need to tell your children about how birds sometimes get abortions and bees sometimes marry bees of the same gender and all those other fun facts your kids are just

clamouring to know.

To help, here are a few tips:

- Remember that you and your children probably have different ideas about what makes for a proper sexual education. They may be expecting Cosmo-style lessons like "57 positions that drive him wild" and "Proper hickey removal," but it's important you stay the course and stick with such adult classics as "Triplets: More common than you think" and "Herpes: Your life-long friend."

- Speak in terms they can understand. For example: "Son, if you sleep around when you're drinking, you're going to end up with regrets. Other people will hear about it, and suddenly everyone's yearbook write-up will mention how you sleep with "that" girl. Now, do you want that?"

- Never be afraid to rap. Kids love rap. A clever rhyme scheme based on a simple message like "Hold on to your hormones" will let your children know that you can riff on bodily functions just like Eminem.

- Explain how sex leads to marriage in much the same way that, in the Star Wars movies, anger leads to the Dark Side.

Now you're prepared. With these tips, you'll be able to share with your offspring in elaborate and sometimes graphic discussions.

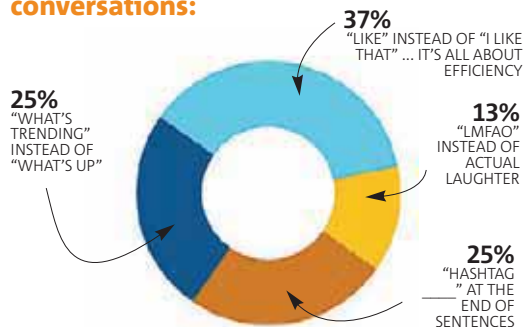
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What online language would you most like to see adopted in real conversations:



Worth mentioning

During high season in the Kenyan luxury resort area of Lamu, foreign tourists snorkel by day and sleep in rustic dwellings with woven coconut leaves for doors. Now they're leaving town early and cancelling reservations after gunmen kidnapped two Europeans and killed another in only a month.

Already, droves of workers who depend on tourism in this gorgeous but poor corner of East Africa are losing jobs.

Hours after a French woman was abducted last weekend, eight guests checked out of Stefano Moccia's nearby hotel and hurriedly boarded a plane. Usually busy taxi boats now lay idle along the coasts.

"This season is over. That is for sure," said Stefano Moccia, who has fired nearly half his 100 staff in just two days.

Nervous hotel owners like Moccia are urging Kenya's government to step up security in this area long popular with tourists and rich Kenyans. High tourist season traditionally begins here in November, but the \$1,800 US-a-night rooms could sit empty and the beaches bare.

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Changing Gears



► A bicyclist enjoys the unseasonably warm weather — nearly 27 C — as he rides past vivid fall colours near Lake Nokomis in Minneapolis yesterday.

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Photo of the day Edmonton's forecast today is cloudy with showers and a high of 12 C. Tonight's expected low is 10 C.

WEIRD NEWS

Higher purpose for grow-op equipment

Equipment seized from a U.S. marijuana operation is going to be used to grow a different kind of herb — and vegetables, too.

Delaware County District Attorney G. Michael Green tells The Philadelphia Inquirer the equipment taken in May from a sophisticated marijuana growing oper-

ation will go to Cheyney University and a Philadelphia community development corporation's Urban Food Lab.

Authorities say the raid at a former Chester drugstore yielded industrial generators, grow lights and hydroponic plant containers.

The Inquirer report says Partnership CDC's Urban Food Lab grows greens, lettuce, peppers and broccoli. An on-campus business at Cheyney already uses hydroponic techniques to grow basil that's sold to local supermarkets.

Cheyney professor Steven Hughes puts the value of the donated equipment at tens of thousands of dollars.

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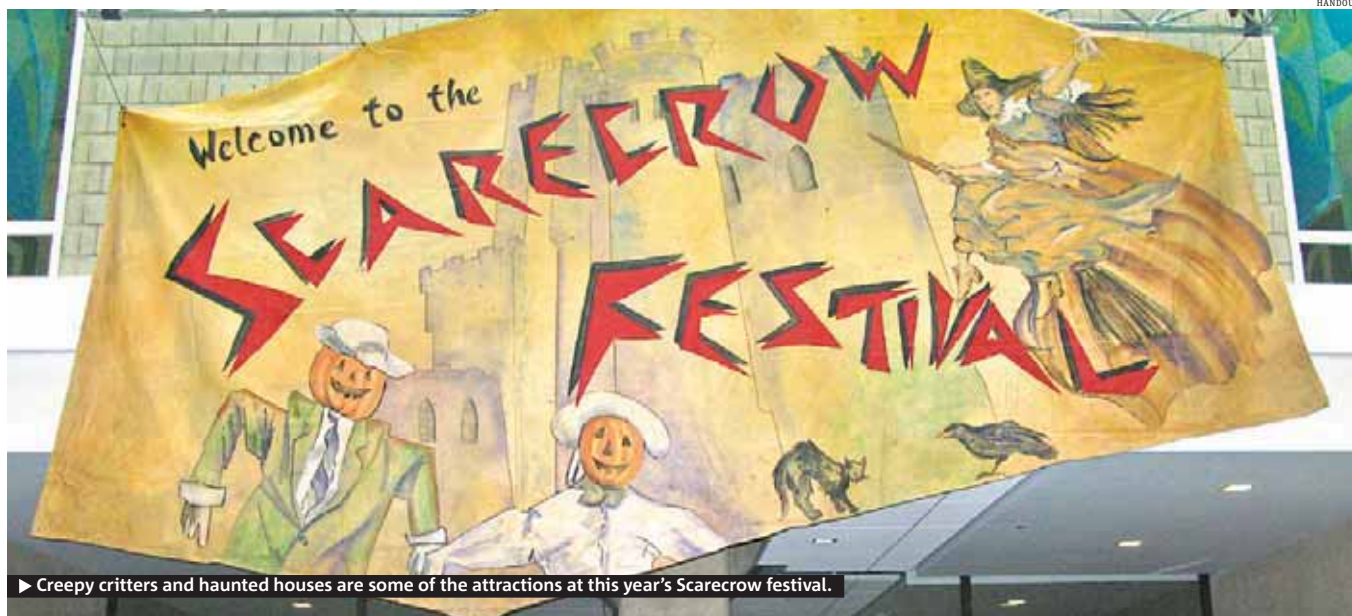


Finding Nemo and The Little Mermaid are among multiple Walt Disney tales that are following The Lion King into 3D mode on the big-screen. Over the next two years Disney is releasing multiple titles in 3D.

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'French Immersion' director Kevin Tierney says film isn't political



► Creepy critters and haunted houses are some of the attractions at this year's Scarecrow festival.

Giving the city a scare

► Scarecrow Festival looks to build on last year's success ► All proceeds go to ABC Head Start

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"Most people have no idea about the amount of work that goes into preparing something that only runs three days a year," Brenda McClelland, Scarecrow Festival chairperson enthusiastically declares. "At the end of last year, I had 10 new ideas before the trucks pulled out of the Edmonton Expo

Centre and we've been working for a year to make those and many other ideas a reality."

The result is a jam-packed line-up of activities running from Oct. 14 – 16 in Northlands Hall B at the Edmonton Expo Centre.

You would think with the event being in its 19th year that planning would get easier, but the Scarecrow Festival team just keeps raising the bar.

"I've learned you need to bring new people to the table," says McClelland, "Ultimately, the first step is making sure you assemble a great team of dedi-

The event

What you need to know.

► **Credit.** Since the first festival was held at the Strathcona Farmer's Market in 1993, over \$1.8 million has been raised for ABC Head Start. A sister event called the Magic and Masquerade Gala takes place on Oct. 15. Get involved – the event is recruiting for new board and committee members.

cated people."

In fact, over 1,000 people will make this year's Scarecrow Festival

possible, which features everything from mini-gold and inflatables to mortal wounds make-up and one of the scariest haunted houses Edmonton has ever seen.

"Lambda Chi, a University of Alberta fraternity, committed to putting together the haunted house and they do a great job," explains McClelland. "They do a great job scaring the pants off anyone who goes through it. I won't go through unless the lights are on and even then it's creepy."

Perhaps it's that kind of experience that has made the Scarecrow Festival so successful over the years.

McClelland says their best marketing tool has been word of mouth.

"There's nothing more valuable than having some tell you about something new and great."

Last year, over 14,000 people took part in the event and organizers are hoping even more come through the doors this year.

Admission is \$3 and attraction tickets are \$0.50 each, with proceeds going to ABC Head Start – a comprehensive preschool and family support program available for low-income families.

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Depp accepts 'stupid money' for his kids

▶ Johnny Depp says at this point he works for 'stupid money' for his family, not himself

Johnny Depp is not a fan of getting his picture taken. In fact, when it comes to photo shoots, "You just feel like you're being raped somehow. Raped. The whole thing," the actor tells Vanity Fair.

"It feels like a kind of weird — just weird, man. Whenever you have a photo shoot or something like that, it's like — you just feel dumb. It's just so stupid."

But Depp, who's made a fortune from the Pirates of the Caribbean movies, isn't so much afraid of stupid things, including stupid salaries. "If they're going to pay me the stupid money right now, I'm go-



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▶ Johnny Depp says photo shoots make him feel like he's 'being raped.'

ing to take it," he says of some of his film roles. "I have to. I mean, it's not for me. Do you know what I mean? At this point, it's

for my kids. It's ridiculous, yeah, yeah. But ultimately it is for me? No. No. It's for the kids."

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Things get hot and steamy on Ashton's anniversary

New details reveal that while Ashton Kutcher didn't spend his recent wedding anniversary with wife Demi Moore, he reportedly was far from alone.

According to Us Weekly, the Two and Half Men star was partying in his San Diego hotel suite with not one but two young female companions.

"Within five minutes, they were all naked in the hot tub, making out," a source tells the magazine.

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▶ Ashton Kutcher

Cox, Arquette in 'friend zone'

While David Arquette and Courteney Cox have remained close throughout their year-long separation, a rekindling of their marriage doesn't seem likely, Arquette admits to Access Hollywood.

"We're pretty much in the friend zone," he says.

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Blake and Leo call it quits

While they never officially acknowledged that they were dating, Leonardo DiCaprio and Blake Lively have split up, both of their reps confirm, according to Hollyscoop. The pair first turned heads at the Cannes Film Festival earli-

Celebrity tweets



"Socrates said 'the unexamined life is not worth living.' But the examined life is seldom worth talking about."

@DaveSFoley



@lisarinna

"Here's my Question — now I'm onto the MJ trial — did MJ's kids know that he had to be put to sleep every night by a doctor?"

@DitaVonTeese



"The real reason I'm not a stoner is because it makes me crave Manwiches, corn dogs, cheese whiz & carnival food."

@SethMacFarlane



"Thing I've never said #476: 'Hey, you mind if I put on some Smash Mouth?'"



▶ Leonardo DiCaprio

er this year and reportedly dated throughout the summer. While DiCaprio is still in Australia filming the Great Gatsby, Lively was

spotted over the weekend in Boston sharing an intimate dinner with Green Lantern co-star Ryan Reynolds. ● METRO

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In brief

BEST IN BOOTS

The iconic Canadian company Cougar Boots has revised one of its most popular models. The Cougar Pillow Boot, which was a staple of women's winter wardrobes for a number of years, has returned. The new Pillow still has the red fleece tongue and puffed leather that made the original so popular. Visit cougarboots.com.

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Following umpteenth designer departure, Emanuel Ungaro changes strategy.

Springtime in Paris

- At Paris Fashion Week, last spring's sexy, vampy looks were replaced with crisp A-line frocks, tailored trouser suits and romantic dresses
- Chanel hit all the right notes, while other designers played it safe



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BEST IN SHOW: CHANEL

In what turned out to be the week's most gorgeous show, Karl Lagerfeld created an ivory, aquatic wonderland with models dressed in ethereal dresses, suits, separates and swimsuits that looked like shimmering saltwater pearls. Few designers today can produce such a large collection (a whopping 85 looks) with a singular vision that doesn't look repetitive and maintains a couture-level quality from beginning to end. The excitement in the room was palpable. In short, this is what Paris Fashion Week is meant to be.



HIGH HEMLINES: STELLA MCCARTNEY

For spring, McCartney continued the seductive streak she started for fall, only she replaced last season's sheer, body-con dresses with crisp, A-line frocks that revealed miles of leg. They were sporty with a flourish; each look came with contrasting coloured swirls that surfed their way along the hemline and up the torso. But everyday working women might find themselves gravitating toward her mannish wide-leg trousers and leisure shirts. They came in a variety of prints that resembled those found on men's ties.



TEMPERED GIRLY-NESS: CHLOÉ

Enter Clare Waight Keller, the latest Brit to move into the French house, who debuted her first collection for Chloé on Monday. Her clothes had the breezy femininity the house has become known for in the form of drop-waist dresses and soft, chiffon pleats. But she tempered the girly-ness with cotton T-shirts and button-down blouses that were slightly tomboyish. It was a sweet collection, but it felt more like a quiet arrival than a momentous debut. Here's hoping that changes come next show season.



ROMANTIC AND WEARABLE: GIVENCHY

After last season's vampy, sex kittens, Riccardo Tisci's quieter, romantic clothes for spring looked like a palette cleanser. Gone were the black cat graphics, latex and sheer skirts. Instead, he produced tailored jacket and short combos (a definite trend for spring) and trouser suits in the softest pink. They were wearable and practically sweet, a word you don't normally associate with Givenchy. Though a series of slinky mini-dresses with strategically placed sheer cut-outs that revealed naked breasts were classic Tisci.



JEWEL TONES: YVES SAINT LAURENT

For the past few seasons, each of Pilati's collections have been shown against speculation that his days at Yves Saint Laurent are numbered. But it didn't show on the runway. His sophisticated A-line coat dresses, elegant trouser suits, romantic cocktail dresses and dramatic evening gowns were all beautifully constructed and seemed to pay homage to the history of the house. Pilati's jewel-toned collection was cool and polished, perhaps too much so.

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► @Jeanne_Beker: xoxo!

► @Jeanne_Beker: Selma Hayek says you can feel how Sarah Burton was able to channel McQueen for this stellar collection. They're inextricably connected.

► @HumandChuck: She worked so long with him ... always there to see the process.

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@Jeanne_Beker:

Will NEVER get used to the idea of coming to a McQueen show without McQueen. I miss him so much. Sure the show will be great. But somehow...



► @Jeanne_Beker: Lots of texture + flounce at McQueen

► @Jeanne_Beker: Dazzling gowns at McQueen

► @kadejovacs: Thank you @Jeanne_Beker for shining



► Dazzling gowns at the McQueen show.



Easy lifestyle tweaks for better living

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BY ERINN STERINGA

A few tweaks to your lifestyle can make a big impact on your health.

GET MORE VITAMIN D

According to Statistics Canada, about two-thirds of us aren't getting optimal amounts of vitamin D. And since low levels of the sunshine vitamin have been linked to osteoporosis, heart disease, certain cancers and depression, it's important to get your share.

Try the tweaks:

- Get outside and enjoy a few minutes of sunshine every day.
- Consider a supplement — Osteoporosis Canada advises 400 to 1,000 IU daily.

BE A SOCIAL BUTTERFLY

Researchers at Brigham Young University analyzed 148 studies involving more than 300,000 people and found those with strong social relationships were 50 per cent less likely to die early than those with few close ties. In fact, lack of social interaction was just as detrimental to longevity as excessive alcohol consumption, more harmful than physical inactivity and twice as risky as obesity.

Try the tweaks:

- Make socializing a priority. Organize a dinner party, join a softball team or start a book club.
- Say yes to more invitations, even on weeknights.

HAVE BETTER SEX

A study in The Journal of Sexual Medicine reveals that regularly striking a yoga pose can improve arousal, desire and orgasms. So given the strong link between a healthy sex life and overall health and longevity, consider the big "O" just one more reason to say "om."

Try the tweaks:

- Buy a 10-pack of yoga classes or a studio membership so you'll be more inclined to go.
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Fashion-forward turtlenecks

► This wardrobe staple is enjoying rekindled interest as a must-have item this season ► It's all about fibre and fit for easy, refined looks

From grunge to mod to preppy, the basic turtleneck — one of those wardrobe workhorses — can morph into almost any look you want it to be. It's a bonus that it's considered a fashion-forward item this season.

"I can extol the virtues of the turtleneck," says Tracy Taylor, U.S. editor for Net-a-Porter's online magazine. "You can always trans-

form into someone chic with a turtleneck and pants that are slightly clean — in a similar colour to the turtleneck. Put on flats, and instant Audrey Hepburn."

TV fashion commentator George Kotsiopoulos says the return to the mod look of the 1960s rekindles interest in the turtleneck beyond a layering tool under a ski sweater.

"Look for turtlenecks in

superfine cashmere knits to wear under sleeveless shift dresses, menswear vests, 'boyfriend' style, which is great with leggings or skinny jeans for those comfy days, and body-conscious fits for trousers or even a bodysuit style for sleek looks with pencil skirts," he says.

There's also the easy-yet-refined layered look of a turtleneck under a but-

ton-down shirt, suggests Banana Republic creative director Simon Kneen. Banana Republic's upcoming holiday collection was purposely styled this way for women and men.

If you don't want to be fully covered up, Kneen says a cowl neckline, basically a draped turtleneck, is an option to still show off your jawline and jewelry. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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► Add some sparkle, shine and a few new colours to this year's Thanksgiving dinner table

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When I was as young as five years old my inner decorator had me volunteering to create the Thanksgiving centrepiece for the dining table.

I'd collect fallen branches, rusty-coloured leaves and pinecones to make an elegant arrangement in the middle of the table.

Looking back at old family photos I realized that my hodgepodge of outdoor elements looked more rustic than elegant.

Today's festive tables are a little more than just old leaves and branches.

But there are many affordable ways to have an impressive table while keeping a budget in mind.

Here's how I will be decorating the Thanksgiving table this weekend.

Choose a table colour scheme

I've decided to mix neutral colours like brown and grey in my dishes and add trendy colours like orange, reds and greens.

If you (or your parents) have vintage Denby pottery in oatmeal or stone colours then bring it out for an earthy, potted look for

this year's celebration.

I'll be using the pewter collection from Corelle — the unbreakable dishes have some great trend-setting colours and patterns that fit right in with my busy lifestyle and will be perfect for those clumsy friends of mine. Also, at less than \$20 per place setting, I've stocked up with anticipation of upcoming holiday buffet parties.

Add some dazzle

As casual as the inexpensive dinner ware means adding some elegance to the table.

Layering some silver charger plates under the dishes will boost the image, and pulling out the oversized Riedel wine glasses will make everyone feel like a king and queen at the table.

Consider buying the right size and shape of glass for the wine that you most enjoy drinking. That way you can afford such a small luxury for entertaining.

I will also be breaking tradition and surprising my guests by serving a red wine with the turkey dinner.

Wine experts say a good Pinot Noir (try the Sterling Vintners Collection Pinot Noir for around \$15) is a good choice as it is light and peppery and goes well with the elements of a turkey dinner.

A personal touch

After dinner I'll be serv-



► A harvest feast.

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ing a fabulous root beer float with vanilla ice cream and a shot of Captain Morgan Deluxe rum.

Sounds like a funny combination but it's a big fall favourite of mine when entertaining. Everyone loves it — especially with the scoop of vanilla ice cream!

Spice up the table

I like to mix fresh flowers, mini pumpkins and leaves with artificial elements.

A tiny pumpkin used as a vase with two or three silk flowers makes for fun individual arrangements at each place setting.

The mini pumpkins are also great as a votive candle holder and when boiled in simple syrup, they make tasty and edible bowls for serving dessert.

Go glam

I like the layer the table



► Colourful faux leaves, \$20, Pottery Barn.

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A fun touch

Don't forget about under your dining table:

► Fall foliage: I like to scatter real and coloured paper leaves under the table and chairs.

► Guests will love the look of the fall ground cover when they enter the room!



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Pat Crocker, home economist, herbalist and award-winning author of eight cookbooks, returns with *Preserving: The Canning and Freezing Guide for All Seasons* (HarperCollins, 2011).

The cookbook focuses on simple but effective concepts. It follows the seasons, providing easy-to-follow, accurate and thorough information on preserving everything from asparagus to winter squashes. Canning, jamming and freezing techniques are covered.

Distinctly autumn vegetables

► These delicious and hearty veggie dishes help you to embrace the season's bountiful harvest

Extremely versatile and appropriate for fall gatherings, acorn squash stuffed with rice and goat cheese can be served as a mouth-watering rustic main or a beautiful side to complement your holiday spread.

Preparation:

- Heat oven to 200 C (400 F). Then rub cut squash all over with oil and place cut side down on parchment-lined rimmed baking sheet. Bake until tender, about 30 mins. Remove from oven and let cool slightly before turning over.
- In skillet, brown sausage, breaking meat into small pieces with wooden spoon. Transfer to a plate.
- Add onion and red pepper to skillet and cook

Stuffed Acorn Squash



► This recipe makes four servings.

until onion is tender and browned, about 7 minutes. Stir in rice and cook until rice is coated, about 2 minutes. Stir in broth, scraping any

brown bits from the bottom of the pan.

- Bring to a boil, reduce heat to low, cover and simmer until most of the

liquid has been absorbed, about 45 minutes. Stir in sausage, parsley and crumbled goat cheese and divide rice mixture evenly over

Ingredients:

- 2 acorn squash, halved and seeded
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil
- 250 g (1/2 lb) turkey sausage, casing removed
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 1 red pepper, finely chopped
- 250 ml (1 cup) cooked brown rice
- 500 ml (2 cups) chicken broth
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) fresh chopped parsley
- 60 g (2 oz) crumbled goat, crumbled.

squash, packing slightly.

- Return to oven until heated through, about 15 minutes. Serve with a crisp green salad.

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Sweet Potato and Ontario Apple Gratin

Preparation:

- Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C). Arrange half of the sliced sweet potatoes over the bottom of an 8-inch round (2 L) baking dish. Arrange half of the sliced onion rings over the sweet potatoes and half of the sliced apples over the onion. Repeat these layers with

remaining ingredients.

- In bowl, whisk together milk, flour, mustard, salt and pepper. Drizzle over apples. Sprinkle with cheese.
- Cover with foil and bake in preheated oven for 45 minutes. Remove foil and bake until cheese is bubbly and golden and potatoes and apples are tender, 15 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes before serving. NEWS CANADA

Ingredients:

- 3 lbs (1.5 kg) sweet potatoes, peeled and sliced in 1/4-inch (5 mm) rounds
- 1 onion, sliced into rings
- 4 Ontario apples (such as Empire, Golden Delicious or Cortland) peeled, cored and sliced in 1/4-inch (5 mm)

- thick rounds
- 1 cup (250 mL) milk
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) dry mustard
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) each salt and pepper
- 1 cup (250 mL) shredded Gruyère cheese

Simple fun

► A day picking apples allows you to enjoy the outdoors and family



The beauty of apple picking has to be its simplicity.

While it's a good idea to dress for the weather, apple growers have seen it all, from diaper-clad youngsters hiked up on dad's back reaching for a crisp Spartan, to apple pie making mamas dressed in their high heels.

"There's a bit of magic in picking an apple from a tree because no one has touched it before," explains Tom Chudleigh, who has been selling apples for 44 years from his 100-acre farm in Halton Hills, Ont.

Though the apple picking season and the varieties vary from East Coast to West and from farm to farm, you can still find

plenty of pick-your-own apple farms that aren't too far from home. Some operations combine fruit picking with other fun farm experiences such as hayrides, corn mazes and hot apple cider during the fall season.

Be sure to bring bags or baskets to carry home your haul. Expect to pay in the neighbourhood of \$1.85 to \$2.50 per kilogram. And bring cash since many DIY farms don't accept debit or credit cards.

Also, remember to call ahead for availability and you-pick hours. Weekends are the busiest time so if you can get away through the week all the better. And don't forget to pack a picnic lunch.

When picking, Chudleigh recommends you take the apple in your



► There's a bit of magic in picking an apple from a tree, says apple farmer Tom Chudleigh.

hand and turn its eye to the sky until it separates from the tree.

As for how to know when apples are ripe for the picking? Nothing beats

a little taste.

"From a pick-your-own farmer's perspective, the apple should be chin-dripping juicy right off the tree," says Chudleigh.

Enjoy fall events

Edmonton Ski & Snowboard Show

Oct. 29-30. Northlands, Edmonton EXPO Centre, Hall B. Shop the hottest retailers all in one place offering up a huge selection of outerwear, equipment, clothing, and accessories. For more, see powderfest.com/whats-on.

LitFest: Edmonton's Nonfiction Festival

Oct. 13-23. LitFest celebrates life stories, travel, food and wine, nature and politics through a series of performances and intimate conversations with notable authors. For more, see litfestalberta.org/home.aspx

Edmonton Eco Expo

Oct. 14. At the Eco Expo, the goal is to connect organizations, societies, corporations and individuals in a

fun-filled, educational environment. For more, see edmontonecoexpo.com/

Scarecrow Festival

Oct. 14-16. Edmonton Expo Centre — Northlands. The Scarecrow Festival is Edmonton's premiere Halloween event and offers games, crafts and loads of fun for families and Halloween fans of all ages. Kids and adults alike are encouraged to dress up in Halloween costumes. For more, see scarecrowfestival.org/

Fall Edmonton Woman's Show

Oct. 15-16. The Fall Edmonton Woman's Show makes for a great "girls' day out" for mothers, daughters and friends. For more, see edmontonshows.com/shows.

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"It's great for the fans to show such great appreciation for your play on the ice and what you do off the ice. It makes you feel good, gives you an extra boost and it makes you just want to win that much more. That can only help in the wins and loss column."

THIRD-YEAR JETS FORWARD
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Skating into the unknown

► Oilers are overflowing with young talent, but will they be able harness it for team success?

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They've missed the NHL playoffs since losing to the Carolina Hurricanes in Game 7 of the 2006 Stanley Cup final but the Edmonton Oilers are talking about this being the year they end that dubious streak.

Two years into a top-to-bottom rebuild that's seen them finish last overall the past two seasons, the Oilers have a long way to go to become contenders.

Coach Tom Renney's team is laden with talented, young forwards in Taylor Hall and Ryan Nugent-Hopkins, the first-overall picks in 2010 and 2011, as well as former first-rounders Jordan Hall, Magnus Paajarvi and Ales Hemsky.

Edmonton added to its core of veterans with Ryan Smyth, back for a second tour of duty, Cam Barker, Andy Sutton, Eric Belanger, Ben Eager and Darcy Hordichuk.

In goal, Devan Dubnyk begins his third NHL season looking ready to take the starter's job away from veteran 38-year-old Nikolai Khabibulin, who is coming off two sub-par seasons.

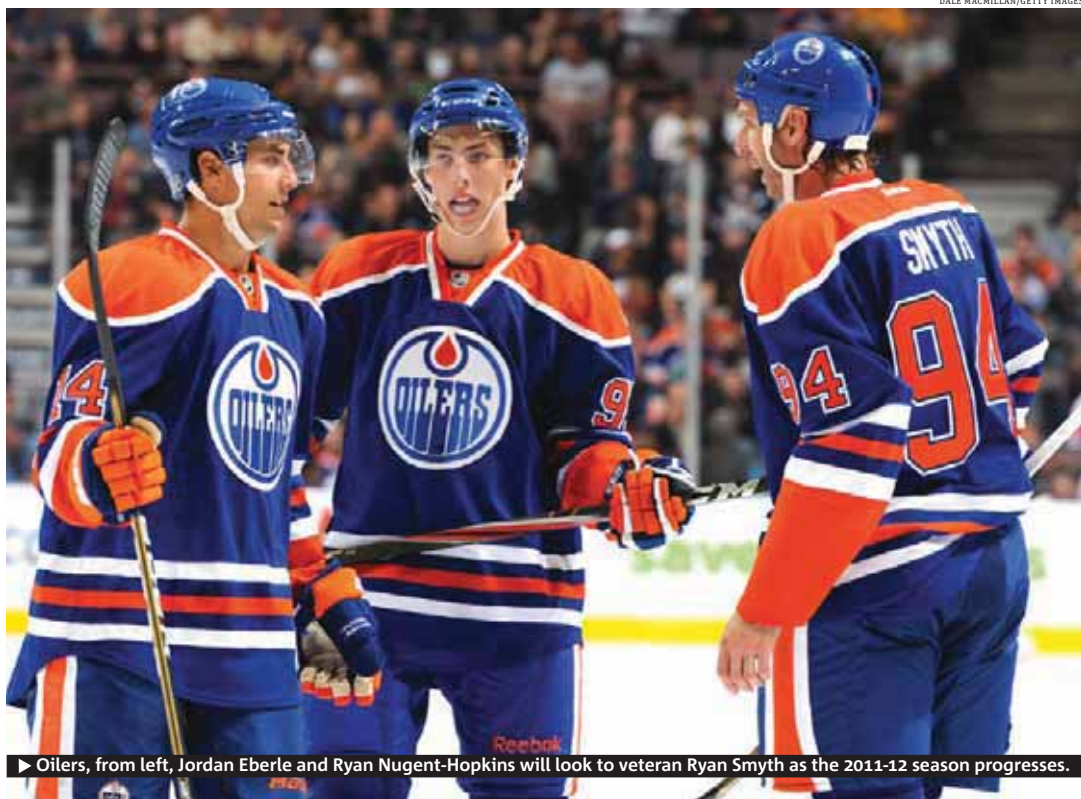
"We're still a lump of coal in lots of ways, but it certainly has great potential," Renney said. "The players of real influence are young, you know, and they still have a lot to learn."

Renney talked about making the playoffs last season. However, the club didn't have nearly enough depth to overcome long-term injuries to Ryan Whitney, captain Shawn Horcoff, Sam Gagner, Hemsky and Hall.

"Our mindset is definitely making the playoffs," Horcoff said. "We want to be a competitive team right through the end of March and early April."

"Really, the only way you're going to get some of these young guys to grow is to get them in pressure situations, where the intensity is at a level where they've never played before."

With Hall, Paajarvi and Eberle back for their sophomore seasons, Nugent-Hopkins on the roster, a healthy Hemsky and the addition of Smyth, the Oilers should have a more potent attack. They will have to be — Ed-



► Oilers, from left, Jordan Eberle and Ryan Nugent-Hopkins will look to veteran Ryan Smyth as the 2011-12 season progresses.

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KEY OILERS ON THE MEND FROM INJURIES



TAYLOR HALL
Left-wing

► Had 22 goals and 42 points in 65 games after being felled by an ankle sprain during a fight.



ALES HEMSKY
Right-wing

► Managed 42 points in 47 games due to a concussion and a shoulder injury that required surgery.



RYAN WHITNEY
Defence

► Won't be rushed back. Led all Oilers defencemen with 27 points in just 35 games due to an ankle injury.

monton scored just 193 goals last season, 28th in the NHL.

"I really believe we've got a lot of depth at forward," Hall said. "We had some guys come in last year, myself included, who weren't used to the NHL."

"I think this year we have a little bit more of a grasp on it. The guys we added, like Smyth, Eager and Hordichuk, they can play. That creates some competition for jobs, for what line you play on. If

you want to be a playoff team, there has to be that competition."

Hall sounds like he has a firmer grasp of life in the NHL heading into Year 2.

"Coming in last year, you really don't know what to expect," Hall said. "This year, we're used to the NHL, used to our surroundings and that's better for any player."

"Whether we can translate that to being better players and producing more has yet to be seen."

Even with the addition of Barker, a former third-overall pick who was bought out by Minnesota last summer, and Sutton, there are questions about the depth of Edmonton's defence.

Special teams will have to be better if the Oilers intend to move up the standings. The power play ranked 27th last year while the penalty-killing unit was No. 29 overall.

Then there's the goal-tending tandem of Dubnyk

and Khabibulin. Dubnyk appeared in 35 games last year while Khabibulin endured a 14-game losing streak and finished with an .890 save percentage, worst among NHL starters.

Still, the Oilers appear ready to make a move. The question is how far and how fast?

"Where this goes remains to be seen, but that's coaching and my leadership that has to help guide that ship," Renney said.

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Canucks anxious to start season

A short summer that seemed to last forever is finally over for the Vancouver Canucks.

The Canucks open their NHL season against the Pittsburgh Penguins tonight. It's the first step in what the Canucks hope is another long journey to the Stanley Cup final.

"It feels good," said captain Henrik Sedin. "You can only practice so long."

Goaltender Roberto Luongo said losing last year's final in seven games to the Boston Bruins taught the Canucks some valuable lessons.

"We have gained a lot of experience," said Luongo. "We went through a lot the last season."

"We can use that as far as experience goes to grow as a team and grow individually."

Getting over the frustration and disappointment of losing the Cup hasn't been easy. Sedin said it's a scar that might never totally heal.

"I don't think it's gone but you have to focus on this year," he said. "If it's in the back of your head a little bit, that's a good thing."

"Other than that, you have to move forward."

Vancouver faces a Pittsburgh team that will start the season without former league MVP Sidney Crosby, who hasn't played since Jan. 5 due to concussion problems.

Crosby is travelling with the Penguins and practised with his teammates yesterday. He has not been cleared for contact in practice and doesn't know when he will play again.

"I felt good," he said. "I have been feeling good the last few weeks."

"I am happy with the way things have gone."

The Penguins will still ice a squad that features Evgeni Malkin, Jordan Staal and goaltender Marc-Andre Fleury.

"Nobody underestimates them, even missing Crosby," said Cody Hodgson, who will start the season centring Vancouver's second line.

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Western Conference preview



Anaheim Ducks

Much of the excitement comes from young blue-liners Cam Fowler and Luca Sbisa to go with rearguard Lubomir Visnovsky, who is coming off a 68-point season. Getting goalie Jonas Hiller back should also be a plus. Perhaps the best news was that 41-year-old Teemu Selanne is back.



Calgary Flames

Although he had back trouble in camp, captain Jarome Iginla showed last season he is not slowing with age with a 43-goal, 86-point season. He will team again with Alex Tanguay and perhaps prospect Mikael Backlund or veteran Olli Jokinen on the Flames' top line.



Chicago Blackhawks

Salary cap woes prompted a rebuild after their 2010 cup victory and the Hawks look ready to challenge again. The core of Jonathan Teo, Patrick Kane, Patrick Sharp and Marian Hossa up front remains. Added this summer was tons of toughness in Jamal Mayers, Sean O'Donnell and Dan Carcillo.



Colorado Avalanche

It's all about youth, starting with centre Matt Duchene who led the team with 67 points. Now top-pick Gabriel Landeskog is in the picture. It points to a bright future, especially with Paul Stastny and veteran Milan Hejduk to add offence. Goaltending remains a question mark.



Columbus Blue Jackets

The arrival of Jeff Carter from Philadelphia could make a potent top-line with Rick Nash, and when new rearguard James Wisniewski finishes serving an eight-game suspension, it could make for a solid power play. Much will depend on unproven secondary scoring.



Dallas Stars

Centre Brad Richards is gone and replacing the free agent's 77 points will be a challenge. It makes Mike Ribeiro a first-line centre for the first time. There's extra support from Loui Eriksson and Brenden Morrow. They'll look for a step forward from 22-goal man Jamie Benn.



Detroit Red Wings

Stalwarts Kris Draper, Brian Rafalski and Chris Osgood are gone and Niklas Lidstrom turned 41 in April. But there is a reason they have not missed the playoffs since 1990 — their ability to renew themselves. Pavel Datsyuk and Henrik Zetterberg remain, with a fresh crop of youngsters.



Edmonton Oilers

The ever-popular Ryan Smyth is back and his experience should be a boost to all the young talent the Oilers have amassed. No. 1 draft pick Ryan Nugent-Hopkins joins 2010 top pick Taylor Hall, Magnus Paajarvi, Jordan Eberle and Linus Omark. The future looks bright.



Los Angeles Kings

The signing of star defenceman Drew Doughty to an eight-year contract should send an improving Kings team into the season on a high. The acquisitions of two-way centre Mike Richards and sniper Simon Gagne adds to a potent group including Anze Kopitar, Dustin Brown and Dustin Penner.



Minnesota Wild

Bold moves were made to land Dany Heatley and Devin Setoguchi from San Jose, but it cost Brent Burns and Martin Havlat, the team's co-leader in scoring with 62 points. Rearguard Cam Barker is also gone. The power play could improve with new wingers for star centre Mikko Koivu.



Nashville Predators

Goaltender Pekka Rinne and the first-rate defence pair of Shea Weber and Ryan Suter, along with savvy coach Barry Trotz took the Preds to the second round for the first time last spring. They have to try it again with top scorers Sergei Kostin and Martin Erat, who each had only 50 points.



Phoenix Coyotes

Goaltender Ilya Bryzgalov has gone to Philadelphia and it will be Mike Smith in goal. It's not good news for a team whose best goal-scorer was veteran Shane Doan with 20. The good news was that Keith Yandle took another step toward becoming an elite defenceman.



San Jose Sharks

The Sharks have had a maddening run of playoff disappointments, including losses in three conference finals, despite amassing 100 or more points in six of the last seven seasons. Acquiring Brent Burns and playmaker Martin Havlat bolsters their defence without giving up too much on attack.



St. Louis Blues

The Blues will see how much veterans Jason Arnott and Jamie Langenbrunner have left after adding their experience to a young roster. The defence duo of Kevin Shattenkirk and Alex Pietrangolo is a source of optimism, and they know goalie Jaroslav Halak will be great.



Vancouver Canucks

The most significant piece gone from last season's first overall team is Christian Ehrhoff, their top scoring defenceman with 50 points. They still have size, skill and depth up front and remain one of the NHL's best — on paper.

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Spotlight shining brighter than ever

► All at key turning points in their careers, here are five NHLers surrounded by intrigue going into 2011-12

No one is pumping Roberto Luongo's tires now.

The Vancouver Canucks goalie was the most talked about — and skewered — player during a Stanley Cup final run that ended in disappointment and riots when he fell flat through seven games against the Boston Bruins.

Four months later, Luongo finds himself back in the spotlight — will he be the player who earns Vezina Trophy consideration during the regular season or the one who endured some struggles in the playoffs?

With the 2011-12 season set to get underway tonight, Vancouver's most enigmatic athlete tops our list of five players to watch this year:



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Roberto Luongo VANCOUVER CANUCKS

Adding intrigue to Luongo's situation is the fact he has arguably the most capable backup in the league. Many believe Cory Schneider is good enough to be a No. 1 man and the Canucks intend to give him more than the 25 appearances he received last year. If Luongo struggles, it could be a lot more.



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Drew Doughty LOS ANGELES KINGS

The smooth-skating defenceman finally got a big contract out of the Kings, but now he'll have to earn it. The \$56-million US man is the highest-paid member of a team expected to challenge for a championship and will be playing catch up after missing almost two weeks of training camp.



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Tomas Vokoun WASHINGTON CAPITALS

Expectations are even higher than normal in D.C., where the veteran Czech goalie signed a bargain \$1.5-million deal for the chance to play for a Stanley Cup. The 35-year-old has consistently been one of the league's better goaltenders but has yet to win a playoff series.



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Jarome Iginla CALGARY FLAMES

The Flames captain has played all 82 games in five-of-six seasons since the lockout, but was hampered by back spasms during training camp. So far, Iginla hasn't shown many signs of age (he had 43 goals and 86 points last year) — can he fend off Father Time for another season?



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Jaromir Jagr PHILADELPHIA FLYERS

About the only guarantee that can be made about Jagr's return to the NHL is that he'll finally hit the 1,600-point barrier. Jagr needs just one more point to do it. But after three years in Russia, and at age 39, it's anyone's guess what the five-time scoring champion has left.

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It's Game Time! Here's what hockey-driven-Metropolitans have to say about the upcoming NHL season.

45% of Metropolitans are your red-blooded Canadian hockey fans – 15% of those are the ones you'll see screaming at the TV or at ice-level wearing jerseys and body paint!

87% root for their home team

PRE-GAME RITUALS?

Here's what some of you do before the puck drops:

- "Call my dad"
- "Kiss my miniature Stanley Cup"
- "Wear my team's jersey"
- "Pray"
- "Grab beer and nachos"
- "Study stats"
- "Put on my lucky socks"

Which Canadian city should be next in line for a new NHL team?

Quebec City 33%
Hamilton 32%
Toronto 19%
Other 17%

Is fighting an essential part of the NHL?

Yes, it's part of the game 40%
No, we have the UFC for that 60%

Do you think the Canucks will make it back to the Stanley Cup final?

Yes 51%
No 49%

Do you think Sidney Crosby will return to action this season?

No 23%
Yes 33%
For a few games only 44%

Who's going to be the top rookie in 2011?

Ryan Nugent-Hopkins, Edmonton Oilers 40%
Ryan Strome, New York Islanders 24%
Jussi Rynnas, Toronto Maple Leafs 18%
Jonathan Huberdeau, Florida Panthers 17%

Has Gary Bettman been a good ambassador for the NHL?

Yes 18%
Not in Canada 45%
Not Anywhere 37%

Who do you think will win the Stanley Cup?

Vancouver 16%
Toronto 9%
Montreal 8%

61% think 3 or 4 Canadian teams will make it to the playoffs this season

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The summer of Sidney

► Crosby's slow recovery puts focus on concussions and head shots

Look at your right hand. Close your eyes. Do you know where it is? Are you certain?

For months, Sidney Crosby was not.

While the rest of his Pittsburgh Penguins teammates spent the summer resting, working on their golf game and trying to get over a seven-game loss to Tampa Bay in the opening round of the playoffs, the game's greatest player spent it searching for a way back to normalcy.

Two head shots within a week of each other last January ended the former MVP's season, put his career in jeopardy and may have started a culture change in a sport where toughness, grit and "playing through it" are among the most prized commodities.

Entering his sixth NHL season, the 24-year-old franchise cornerstone didn't set out to be the most public case study on the mysterious lingering effects of concussions. He simply wanted to feel better and get back to doing what he loved.

The road back has been more arduous than he ever possibly imagined when he was scratched out of the lineup following a game against Tampa Bay on Jan. 5 after experiencing what he's since described as "fogginess."

Months of rest, of tests, of travel, of quietly — and not so quietly — refuting what his camp has deemed as misinformation about his condition, his health, his future have followed.

The organization did its best to give Crosby space. Coach Dan Bylsma and general manager Ray Shero checked in occasionally. Teammates, both old and new, would text or call to talk about anything and everything but the state of Crosby's head.

Penguins forward Jordan Staal says they texted about fishing. The words "vestibular system" — which focuses on a person's ability to balance and work within a given space, the system most af-

ected by Crosby's concussions — never came up.

"I figured he was getting enough of it from everywhere else," Staal said.

"All that matters to us really is that he's healthy. All that stuff you thought you heard, I didn't pay any attention to it."

Private by nature, the combination of Crosby's injury and his urge to get away from things back home in Canada during the off-season only seemed to feed the frenzy.

He was retiring. He wasn't retiring. He suffered a setback. He was

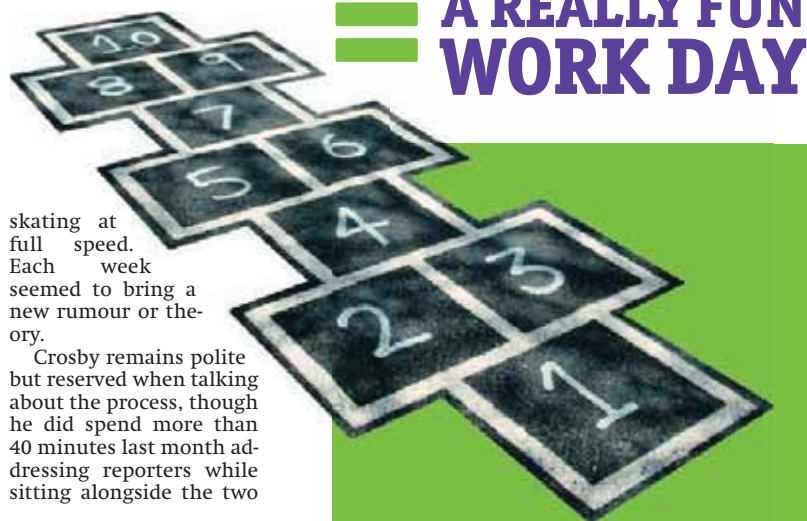
doctors who have overseen his rehabilitation.

Not one to make declarative statements, Crosby said during his press conference it was "likely" he would play again this season, and he's attacked training

camp ferociously even if he's forced to wear a different coloured helmet to let his teammates know he's not cleared for contact yet.

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skating at full speed. Each week seemed to bring a new rumour or theory.

Crosby remains polite but reserved when talking about the process, though he did spend more than 40 minutes last month addressing reporters while sitting alongside the two



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► Sidney Crosby listens to his coach at the Penguins' first team workout last month.

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1 The best story over the summer was undoubtedly the league's decision to return a team to Winnipeg after 15 years. The Manitoba capital has been bursting with excitement ever since, making the Jets a sentimental favourite. Can the enthusiasm carry them to the playoffs?

2 The tragic death of three enforcers over the summer prompted some to raise the age-old question about whether fighting still belongs in the sport. While totally banning fighting still seems a long way off, the general managers are bound to dissect the issue again when they sit down together this season.

3 Two teams garnering a lot of pre-season Stanley Cup hype are San Jose and Washington. Sound familiar? Both franchises have been seen as powerhouses in recent years, only to fall short in the playoffs.

4 Teemu Selanne and Jaromir Jagr seem like stars from a bygone era, but both remain active in the NHL. Selanne is coming off an amazing 80-point season with Anaheim, while Jagr signed with Philadelphia after three years in the KHL. Can they continue to turn back the clock for one more year? THE CANADIAN PRESS

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL PLAYOFFS

DIVISION SERIES

All times Eastern
(Best-of-5 series)
AMERICAN LEAGUE
N.Y. YANKEES (E) VS. DETROIT (C)
(Series tied 2-2)
Last night's result
N.Y. Yankees 10 Detroit 1
Tonight's game
Detroit (Fister 11-13) at N.Y. Yankees (Nova 16-4), 8:07 p.m.
TEXAS (W) VS. TAMPA BAY (WC)
(Texas wins 3-1)
Yesterday's game
Texas 4 Tampa Bay 3

NATIONAL LEAGUE
PHILADELPHIA (E) VS. ST. LOUIS (WC)
(Series 2-2)
Last night's game
St. Louis 5 Philadelphia 3
Tuesday's result
Philadelphia 3 St. Louis 2
Tomorrow's game
St. Louis (Carpenter 11-9) at Philadelphia (Halladay), 8:07 or 8:37 p.m.
MILWAUKEE (C) VS. ARIZONA (W)
(Milwaukee leads 2-1)
Last night's result
Milwaukee at Arizona
Tuesday's result
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Tomorrow's game
x-Arizona at Milwaukee, 5:07 or 8:07 p.m.
x — if necessary.

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Rhodes H,2	1-3	0	0	0	0	1			
Dotel H,1	2-3	0	0	0	0	0			
Salas H,1	2-3	2	1	1	0	0			
Rzpczynski H,2	1-3	0	0	0	0	1			
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MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Kansas City	32	11	9	12	47	40	45
Philadelphia	31	10	7	14	41	34	44
Columbus	32	12	12	8	38	41	44
Houston	32	10	9	13	40	40	43
New York	32	9	7	16	49	42	43
D.C. United	30	9	10	11	46	46	38
Chicago	31	7	8	16	40	40	37
Toronto	32	6	13	13	33	56	31
New England	31	5	14	12	35	51	27

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
x-Los Angeles	32	18	4	10	46	25	64
x-Seattle	31	16	6	9	51	33	57
x-Salt Lake	31	15	10	6	43	32	51
Dallas	31	13	11	7	36	34	46
Colorado	32	11	9	12	42	40	45
Portland	31	11	13	7	38	44	40
Chivas USA	32	8	12	12	40	39	36
San Jose	31	6	11	14	33	40	32
Vancouver	30	4	16	10	29	50	22

x — Clinched playoff berth.
Note: Three points for a win, one for a tie.
Tuesday's result
New York 2 Los Angeles 0
Tonight's game
All times Eastern
Salt Lake at Vancouver, 9:30 p.m.
Saturday's games
San Jose at New England, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Seattle FC, 10 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 12
FC Dallas at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
D.C. United at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

CFL

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Montreal	13	8	5	0	406	323	16
Winnipeg	13	8	5	0	317	309	16
Hamilton	13	7	6	0	378	356	14
Toronto	13	3	10	0	263	371	6

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Calgary	13	8	5	0	364	348	16
B.C.	13	7	6	0	367	273	14
Edmonton	13	7	6	0	312	317	14
Saskatchewan	13	4	9	0	275	385	8

WEEK 15
All times Eastern
Tomorrow's game
Winnipeg at Hamilton, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday's game
Calgary at B.C., 10 p.m.
Monday's games
Toronto at Montreal, 1 p.m.
Saskatchewan at Edmonton, 4:30 p.m.

NHL

REGULAR SEASON

Tonight's games
All times Eastern
Philadelphia at Boston, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Anaheim vs. Buffalo at Helsinki, Finland, 1 pm
N.Y. Rangers vs. Los Angeles at Stockholm, Sweden, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Nashville at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday's games
N.Y. Rangers vs. Anaheim at Stockholm, Sweden, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Boston, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Washington, 7 p.m.
Florida at N.Y. Islanders, 8 p.m.
Nashville at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Columbus at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Detroit at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Calgary, 10 p.m.
Phoenix at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Los Angeles, 11 p.m.
Sunday's games
Montreal at Winnipeg, 5 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Monday's games
Colorado at Boston, 1 p.m.
Carolina at New Jersey, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at N.Y. Islanders, 1 p.m.
Calgary at St. Louis, 2 p.m.
Phoenix at Dallas, 6 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Washington, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 11
Florida at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 12
Colorado at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
Buffalo	3	1	0	.750	133 96
New England	3	1	0	.750	135 98
N.Y. Jets	2	2	0	.500	100 95
Miami	0	4	0	.000	69 104

SOUTH					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
Houston	3	1	0	.750	107 70
Tennessee	3	1	0	.750	88 56
Jacksonville	1	3	0	.250	39 85
Indianapolis	0	4	0	.000	63 108

NORTH					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
Baltimore	3	1	0	.750	119 57
Cincinnati	2	2	0	.500	80 74
Cleveland	2	2	0	.500	74 93
Pittsburgh	2	2	0	.500	64 72

WEST					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
San Diego	3	1	0	.750	91 85
Oakland	2	2	0	.500	111 113
Denver	1	3	0	.250	81 111
Kansas City	1	3	0	.250	49 126

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
Washington	3	1	0	.750	83 63
N.Y. Giants	3	1	0	.750	102 87
Dallas	2	2	0	.500	99 101
Philadelphia	1	3	0	.250	101 101

SOUTH					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
New Orleans	3	1	0	.750	127 98
Tampa Bay	3	1	0	.750	84 77
Atlanta	2	2	0	.500	90 105
Carolina	1	3	0	.250	89 102

NORTH					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
Green Bay	4	0	0	1.000	148 97
Detroit	4	0	0	1.000	135 76
Chicago	2	2	0	.500	94 98
Minnesota	0	4	0	.000	77 96

WEST					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
San Francisco	3	1	0	.750	94 75
Seattle	1	3	0	.250	58 97
Arizona	1	3	0	.250	86 87
St. Louis	0	4	0	.000	46 113

WEEK 15
All times Eastern
Sunday's games
Arizona at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Houston, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Seattle at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
San Diego at Denver, 4:15 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at New England, 4:15 p.m.
Green Bay at Atlanta, 8:20 p.m.
Open: Baltimore, Cleveland, Dallas, Miami, St. Louis, Washington
Monday's game
Chicago at Detroit, 8:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Named Chip Hale bench coach & signed him to a 2-year contract.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

FLORIDA MARLINS — Assigned C Vinny Rottino & RHP Brian Sanches off the 40-man roster.
HOUSTON ASTROS — Assigned LHP Xavier Cedeno, RHP Blake King and RHP Lance Pendleton outright off the 40-man roster.
Pendleton can elect free agency due to a prior outright; Cedeno will automatically become a free agent after the World Series; and King will be assigned to Corpus Christi (TL).
N.Y. METS — Announced bench coach Ken Oberkfell, 3rd base coach Chip Hale, 1st base coach Mookie Wilson & bullpen coach Jon Debus will not return next season. Named Tim Lincecum 3rd base coach, Ricky Bones bullpen coach.

FOOTBALL

NFL

HEAD OFFICE — Suspended Indianapolis G Jaimie Thomas four games for a violation of the league's substance-abuse policy.
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Re-signed P Ben Graham. Released CB Korey Lindsey. Released S Mark Legree from the practice squad.
GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed WR Jordy Nelson to a three-year contract extension.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Placed DT Eric Foster and OT Ben Ijalana on injured reserve. Waived LB Nate Triplett. Signed OT Michael Toudouze and OT Quinn Ojinnaka. Signed DT Ricardo Mathews from the practice squad.
N.Y. GIANTS — Signed OL Jim Cordile from practice squad & CB Justin Tryon. Terminated the contract of WR Brandon Stokley with an injury settlement. Terminated the contract of QB Sage Rosenfels & removed him from injured reserve. Released CB Brian Williams. Signed OL Selvish Capers to practice squad.
N.Y. JETS — Signed G Dennis Landolt to the practice squad.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Re-signed OT Max Starks to 1-yr contract. Waived OL Chris Scott.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Reinstated CB Phillip Buchanon from the suspended list. Released DB Brandyn Thompson.

HOCKEY

NHL

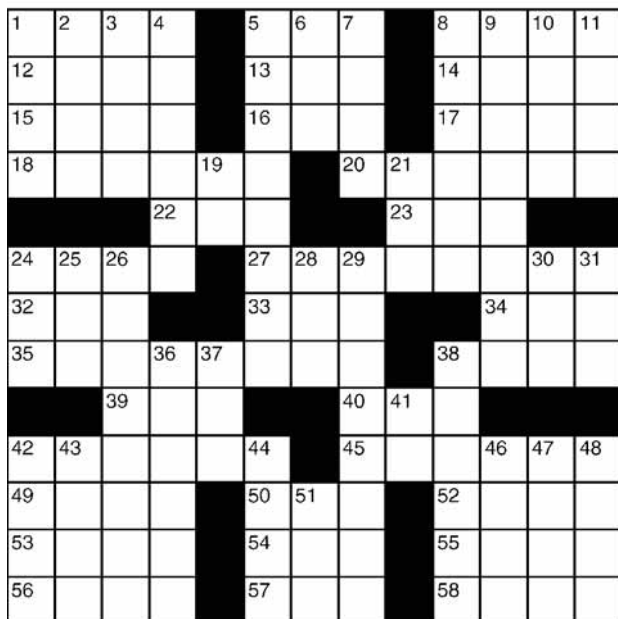
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Across

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8 Rabbit's tail
12 Wrinkly fruit
13 Japanese sash
14 "My bad"
15 Let fall
16 Joker
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18 Ohio city
20 Tailor, humorously
22 Frequently
23 Speck
24 Freeway access
27 Adverse
32 Hearty brew
33 Author Santha Rama —
34 Sundial numeral
35 Hat seller
38 Automaker Ransom Eli —
39 Pitch
40 Sine qua —
42 It had a big part in the Bible
45 Masticated
49 Famous cookie man
50 Egg-yung link
52 Made on a loom
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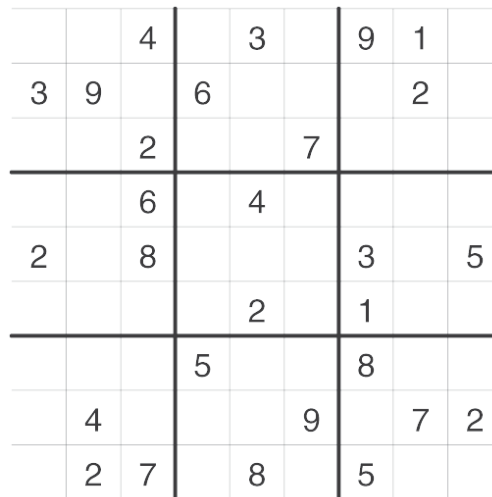
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7 Uses a shovel
8 "Parting is such sweet —"
9 Man's jacket feature
10 Doing
11 Despot
19 "— Thee I Sing"
21 Fuss
24 Aries
25 Clay, today
26 Loss of self-control
28 Dundee denial
29 Traitor
30 Disencumber
31 Insult (SL)
36 Legendary TV pooch
37 Anger
38 Unilateral
41 "I see"
42 Croupier's tool
43 Eastern potentate
44 Somewhere out there
46 Had on
47 Maleficent
48 Transaction
51 Acapulco

gold

► Yesterday's answer



Sudoku



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Yesterday's answer ►



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Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Mercury close to Saturn in your opposite sign means there's no pleasing those who don't want to be.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Your list of things to do may be longer than your arm but so what? Don't put extra pressure on yourself.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Mercury, your ruler, urges you to be honest about your feelings. Nothing must be hidden.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Certain people may frown at your behaviour today, only because they're jealous of your carefree attitude.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23 You may experience a loss of confidence today but it will pass, so there is no need to get yourself worked up about it.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22 Something to do with money has been causing you a few sleepless nights but there is no reason to worry.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 You have courage, confidence and bags of energy. So why are you not putting it to better use?

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 If someone wants to wallow in self-pity that's fine, but decline in joining the "woe is me" party.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Your dreams and wishes can come true, but you've got to believe. You're always a winner in life.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Do you bask in success or do you build on it? That's up to you.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 One or two doubts may creep in over the next 24 hours. Ignore them, they're illusions.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Don't overreact to setbacks and don't give up on a creative endeavor because you are not sure of its outcome. **● SALLY BROMPTON**

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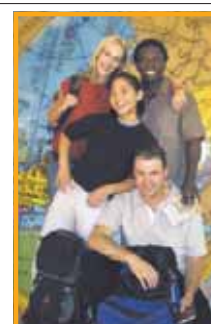
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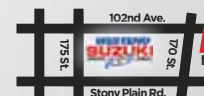


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